

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

6.(Previously Amended) A method of coating, wherein a hot melt adhesive, which has been thermally made flowable, is provided in the form of a substantially continuous nonporous film without contact of the film with a substrate, and said film is then disposed upon a release-coated substrate comprising a web and is then transfer-coated onto a second substrate.

Claims 7-41 (cancelled).

DI 42.(Previously added) A method of coating a substrate, said method comprising releasing a hot melt adhesive that has been thermally made flowable from a coating device in the form of a substantially continuous film without contact between said coating device and a substrate; and contacting the surface of a substrate comprising a substantially nonporous moving web with said continuous film to form a coated substrate having a continuous coating having an area weight less than about 30 g/m<sup>2</sup>, said coated substrate being essentially free of entrapped air between the coating and the substrate.

43. (Previously added) The method of claim 42, wherein said coating has an area weight of less than about 10 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

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E 44-47 (cancelled)

48.(Currently amended) A method of coating, comprising releasing a hot melt adhesive, which has been thermally made flowable, from a coating device onto a substantially nonporous substrate as a substantially continuous coating without contact between said coating device and said substrate.

subsequently disposing said substantially continuous coating upon the surface of said substrate at a coating weight of less than about 10 g/m<sup>2</sup>;

nipping said coated substrate between a first roller and a second roller; and

~~The method of claim 47, comprising contacting the coating of said nipped substrate with a second substrate.~~

Claims 49-62 (cancelled).

63.(Currently Amended) A method of coating, wherein a thermoplastic material, which has been thermally made flowable, is provided in the form of a substantially continuous nonporous film without contact of the film with a substrate and said film is then coated onto a nonporous substrate, said coating having a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/sec at the coating temperature,

said method further ~~The method of claim 10,~~ comprising transferring said continuous film from said first substrate to a second substrate

Claims 64 and 65 (cancelled)

66.(Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 10,~~ A method of coating, wherein a thermoplastic material, which has been thermally made flowable, is provided in the form of a substantially continuous nonporous film without contact of the film with a substrate and said film is then coated onto a nonporous substrate, said coating having a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/sec at the coating temperature, said method further comprising

nipping said coated substrate and

contacting the coating of said nipped substrate with a second substrate.

Claims 67-73 (cancelled)

74.(Currently Amended) A method of coating comprising:

releasing a hot melt adhesive composition that has been thermally made flowable from a coating device in the form of a continuous film without contact between said coating device and a substrate, said hot melt adhesive composition comprising thermoplastic polymer and tackifying resin;

contacting a substantially nonporous substrate with said continuous film to form a coated substrate; and The method of claim 68, comprising

simultaneously

contacting said substrate with said continuous film, and

nipping said continuous film and said substrate between a first roller and a second roller.

Claims 75-87 (cancelled)

88. (Previously added) A method of coating comprising:

releasing a hot melt adhesive composition that has been thermally made flowable from a coating device in the form of a continuous film without contact between said coating device and a substrate, said hot melt adhesive composition comprising thermoplastic polymer, and tackifying resin;

contacting a first roller with said continuous film; and

transferring said continuous film from said first roller to a substrate.

89. (Previously added) The method of claim 88, further comprising nipping said continuous film and said substrate between said first roller and a second roller.

90. (Previously added) The method of claim 88, wherein said first substrate comprises film, foil, or paper.

91. (Previously added) The method of claim 88, comprising contacting an exposed surface of said continuous film with a second substrate

92. (Previously added) The method of claim 91, wherein said first substrate comprises film and said second substrate comprises foil.

93. (Previously added) The method of claim 91, wherein said first substrate comprises foil and said second substrate comprises film.

94. (Previously added) The method of claim 91, wherein at least one of said first substrate and said second substrate comprises metallized film.

95. (Previously added) The method of claim 91, wherein said first substrate comprises paper and said second substrate comprises film.

96. (Previously added) The method of claim 91, wherein said first substrate comprises film and said second substrate comprises paper.

97. (Previously added) The method of claim 91, wherein said second substrate is selected from the group consisting of elastomeric strands, elastomeric web, tissue, cardboard, coverstock, nonwoven web, and combinations thereof.

98. (Previously added) The method of claim 91, wherein said second substrate comprises a sheet.

99. (Previously added) The method of claim 91, wherein said substrate comprises printed cardboard, printed paper, or photographic paper.

100. (Previously added) The method of claim 91, wherein said substrate comprises transparent film.